

Preserving Historic Places:
Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference
Agenda
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TUESDAY, APRIL 8th

Conference Registration

1 – 4 p.m.

*Best Western Plus lobby
411 West Spring Street, New Albany*

Opening Reception

5 – 8 p.m.

*Restored loft of Matt and Jessica Bergman
Wilcox Block, 135 East Market Street*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th

Conference Registration, Bookstore, and Exhibit Hall

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*St. Marks United Church of Christ Educational Building, Fellowship Hall
222 East Spring Street*

Continental Breakfast

8 – 10 a.m.

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Educational Sessions

9 – 10:15 a.m.

Educational Session 1

Historic Building Maintenance Best Practices

Learn how to care for the historic structures you love. Gary Kleier demonstrates the importance of a maintenance schedule while addressing questions that often plague owners of landmarks: How do you identify the source of mold and stop it from spreading? How can you stop brick walls from leaking? What repair do I take on first?

Speaker: Gary Kleier, Kleier Associates

Moderator: Dave Duvall, Historical Architect and Tax Credit Administrator, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Educational Session 2

Creating an Archaeology Park

Learn from the stewards of Hamilton County's Strawtown Koteewi Park and Illinois' Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site – a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which contains the remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization north of Mexico –

how to uncover mysteries of past civilizations, preserve Native American history and interpret it for the public.

Speaker: Al Patterson, Director, Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department

Speaker: William Iseminger, Assistant Site Manager, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

Moderator: Dr. James R. Jones, Indiana State Archaeologist, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Break

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Have a snack, visit the Exhibit Hall, or buy a book in the Indiana Historical Bureau bookstore

Educational Sessions

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Educational Session 3

Using Technology to Interpret Archaeology Sites

Conducting archaeological surveys can be expensive—and let's face it—a bit dirty! For those hoping to save money by locating remains in the ground before (or instead of) excavation, geophysics is the answer. Jarrod Burks will explain how technology can help locate remains and interpret your site. Burks has used geophysical surveying to uncover the history of Hopewell culture in central Ohio.

Speaker: Jarrod Burks, Director of Geophysical Surveys, Ohio Valley Archaeology

Moderator: Cathy Draeger-Williams, Archaeologist, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Educational Session 4

The Lowdown on Lead Paint

Is lead lurking in your paint? If so what should you do about it? Learn about risk assessments of interior and exterior surfaces, stabilizing harmful paint without removing historic material, and potential consequences of not addressing the presence of lead-based paint at your historic site. Hear what state health code says about this potentially dangerous substance and learn safe work practices for historic structures.

Speaker: James King, Program Director, Indiana State Department of Health

Speaker: Paul Hayden, Community Preservation Specialist, Northern Regional Office, Indiana Landmarks

Moderator: Greg Sekula, Director, Southern Regional Office, Indiana Landmarks

Educational Session 5

Making Timber Talk: Using Tree Rings to Date Historic Buildings

What do trees have to do with preservation of historic structures? Darrin Rubino demonstrates dendrochronology, the study of tree rings, to date the construction of historic buildings in southern Indiana and Kentucky. As a method of dating, dendrochronology has been proven to be extremely precise and may hold the key to dating buildings for which little documentary evidence exists.

Speaker: Darrin Rubino, Associate Professor of Biology, Hanover College

Moderator: Amy Johnson, Senior Archaeologist, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Luncheon

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch, Welcome, and History of New Albany

Speaker: Honorable Jeff Gahan, Mayor of New Albany

Speaker: David Barksdale, Floyd County Historian

Master of Ceremonies: Marsh Davis, President, Indiana Landmarks

Plenary Session

2 – 3 p.m.

Plenary Session 1

Historic Integrity and the Conundrums of Context

Sponsored by Indiana University's Cornelius O'Brien Lecture Series. Free and open to the public.

Dr. Daniel Bluestone, a specialist in nineteenth century American architecture and urbanism and highly regarded advocate of community preservation and public history, will discuss historic integrity and the conundrums of context. He is the author of *Buildings, Landscapes, and Memory: Case Studies in Historic Preservation*, and winner of the Antoinette Forrester Downing Book Award in 2013 from the Society of Architectural Historians.

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Bluestone, Professor and Director of the Historic Preservation Program, University of Virginia

Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Brand Monroe, Associate Professor of History, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis

Break

3 – 3:30 p.m.

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Tours

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Tour 1

The Churches of New Albany

On a walk through historic New Albany, you'll visit structures that date to the late nineteenth century, when New Albany was a commercial hub and one of Indiana's largest cities. New Albany's Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, German Methodist, Baptist, and Episcopal churches reveal a great deal about the city's social and ethnic history. Wear comfortable shoes (tour covers over one mile in distance) and dress for the weather.

Guide: Lane Stumler

Tour 2

Downtown Tour

New Albany's vibrant and walkable commercial district includes restaurants, businesses and shops all working together to create a strong community. You'll visit recently restored venues and explore the community's relationship to the Ohio River and its responses to new construction sprawl. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

Guide: Dave Barksdale, Floyd County Historian

Tour of the Culbertson Mansion

5 – 6:30 p.m.

The Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site is located just east of our reception spot and dinner location. William Culbertson, one of the richest men in Indiana, built the Second Empire-style home in 1867. Local architect James T. Banes designed the three-story mansion, which features hand-painted ceilings and walls, a carved rosewood-grained staircase and marble fireplaces. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, it became an Indiana State Historic Site in 1976.

Reception

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Awards Dinner

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

The Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology presents its annual historic preservation awards following a welcome from Cameron Clark, Indiana State Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Mitchell Zoll, Indiana Deputy SHPO.

Master of Ceremonies: Frank Hurdis, Assistant Director of Preservation Services, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th

Conference Registration, Bookstore, and Exhibit Hall

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Continental Breakfast

8 – 10 a.m.

Field Session

8:30 a.m. – Noon

Field Session 1

Midtown Tour

The 2009 economic recession hit New Albany's historic Midtown neighborhood hard, leaving 91 homes vacant and 42 in foreclosure. Learn about the revitalization program created by the City of New Albany and New Directions Housing Corporation that features restored historic homes and new homes built to fit the character of the landscape. Field session includes walking. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

Speaker: Lisa Thompson, New Directions Housing Corporation

Speaker: Scott Wood, Director of the Plan Commission, City of New Albany

Moderator: Greg Sekula, Director, Southern Regional Office, Indiana Landmarks

Educational Sessions

9 – 10:15 a.m.

Educational Session 6

Issues in the Conservation and Preservation of Historic Wallpapers

Sponsored by Indiana University's Cornelius O'Brien Lecture Series. Free and open to the public.

Wallpaper can give a historic home the warmth and luster of a bygone era, but it can present a preservation challenge. Alternatives include restoration, preserving wallpaper in place, and creating reproductions. Thomas Edmondson, a wallpaper conservator whose work includes the Harry S. Truman National Historic Site, discusses the ins and outs of wallpaper restoration, from documentation and removal to repair and installation.

Speaker: Thomas M. Edmondson, Conservator, Heugh-Edmondson Conservation Services, LLC

Moderator: Holly Tate, Architectural Historian, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Educational Session 7

Planning for Indiana's Bi-centennial

Cities and towns across the state are planning programs and events to celebrate Indiana's bicentennial – officially December 11, 2016. The Indiana Bicentennial Commission reports on its work with local heritage institutions to create bicentennial events, offers ideas for using the bicentennial to reach out to new audiences and suggestions for how you can take part in the marking of the 200th birthday of Indiana.

Speaker: Senator James Merritt, Indiana State Senate and Member of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission

Moderator: Amy Borland, Architectural Historian, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Educational Session 8

New Research: Student Master Theses

Young scholars and emerging professionals in historic preservation and related fields present original research from their recent Master's theses, using resource from within the state and beyond to interpret historic places, better understand how to preserve and restore our built environment, and develop context that might help you with your next project.

Speakers: Students from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis's Public History Program and from Ball State University's Historic Preservation Program

Moderator: Dr. Rebecca Shrum, Assistant Professor of History, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis

Break

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Educational Sessions

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Educational Session 9

Interpreting African American History When No Structures Remain

Interpreting African American history can be challenging when historic resources no longer exist. Find out how preservationists, public history professionals, and archaeologists uncover and interpret the often overlooked stories of African Americans using varied source materials and methods of interpretation.

Speaker: Sally Newkirk, Director, Carnegie Center for Art and History

Speaker: Jill Weiss, History Education Specialist, Indiana Historical Bureau

Speaker: Cheryl LaRoche, Archaeologist, University of Maryland

Moderator: Wade Tharp, Archaeologist, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Educational Session 10

Press A Button, Get a Home: The Story of Gunnison Magic Homes of New Albany

"Press a button, get a house!" proclaimed a 1943 advertisement for the Gunnison Housing Corporation, just one of several companies that manufactured pre-fabricated houses in the mid-twentieth century. Learn about Gunnison, once located in New Albany, Indiana, and find out how the company's mass-produced interchangeable parts came together to create dream homes for many Americans.

Speaker: Randy Shipp, Historic Preservation Specialist, Division of Historic Preservation, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, KY

Moderator: Connie Zeigler, Owner, C. Resources

Educational Session 11

Promoting Tourism through Travel Itineraries

Travel itineraries help highlight a community's historic resources for visitors. The National Park Service led the way in creating these self-guided tours that spotlight places significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. Learn how you can use this tool to spur appreciation for your community's historic assets.

Speaker: Paul Diebold, Team Leader of Survey and Registration, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Speaker: Hilary Retseck, Architectural Historian, HDR, Inc

Moderator: Raina Regan, Community Preservation Specialist, Central Regional Office, Indiana Landmarks

Lunch – On Your Own

11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

New Albany's thriving downtown offers you a choice of restaurants; check out the list found in your registration bag. After lunch, shop and stroll to see everything this river town has to offer.

Plenary Session

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Plenary Session 2

Preserving a World Treasure: The Cincinnati Panorama of 1848

In 2006, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County embarked on the most ambitious preservation project in its history, the stabilization of *The Cincinnati Panorama of 1848*, the oldest photograph of urban America. After more than 60 years in secured closed storage, the Library hoped to return to public view the eight-plate daguerreotype of Cincinnati's waterfront. Working with renowned leaders in daguerreotype conservation at the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film in Rochester, NY, the Cincinnati Library developed and implemented a treatment plan that brought new life to this world treasure. Join Patricia Van Skaik, Panorama Conservation Project Manager, as she discusses the history and provenance of the Panorama and startling discoveries unearthed during the preservation process.

Speaker: Patricia Van Skaik, Manager, Genealogy and Local History Department, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Moderator: Dr. Eric T. Sandweiss, Carmony Chair, Department of History, Indiana University

Educational Sessions

3 – 4:15 p.m.

Educational Session 12

Safeguarding Historic Bridges: A Grassroots Guide

Indiana's historic bridge preservation program is based on a contextual study of bridges in Indiana's transportation history and a database of bridges constructed through 1965. You'll hear from partners in the program about how grassroots preservationist can save historic bridges, discover the implications for communities that opt out of the state bridge preservation program, and learn about the role of Section 106.

Speaker: Patrick Carpenter, Manager, Cultural Resources Office, Environmental Services, Indiana Department of Transportation

Speaker: John Carr, Team Leader, Historic Structures Review, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Speaker: Paul Brandenburg, Spans Task Force

Moderator: Mark Dollase, Vice President of Preservation Services, Indiana Landmarks

Educational Session 13

Save our Shotguns

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S.O.S! Shotgun houses need our help! This house type, characterized by a linear floor plan in which rooms align in a row without hallways, came to New Orleans from Africa via Haiti in the late eighteenth century. Marianne Zickuhr and Patty Gay will discuss the importance of shotgun houses in interpreting local history, as well as current efforts underway to preserve these architectural gems.

Speaker: Marianne Zickuhr, Executive Director, Preservation Louisville

Speaker: Patricia Gay, Executive Director, Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans

Moderator: Frank Hurdis, Assistant Director of Preservation Services, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Educational Session 14

Keeping your Local District Designation

Once a neighborhood becomes a locally designated historic district, you might think the area is set forever, but new homeowners who move in might not understand the reasons why that designation made the neighborhood the gem it is today. Local preservation expert Bill Schmickle offers perspective on protecting historic resources amid conflicting interests, and discusses the importance of thinking politically about historic districts, beyond the notion of preservation advocacy.

Speaker: Bill Schmickle, Author

Moderator: Holly Tate, Architectural Historian, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

***Belle of Louisville* Riverboat Dinner Cruise**
6 - 9:30 p.m.

Shuttle departs promptly at 5:30 p.m. from the lobby of the Best Western Plus, 411 West Spring Street (or drive yourself – directions available at the Registration Desk). Boarding of the *Belle* begins at 6 p.m. Boat sails promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Constructed in Pittsburgh in 1914 as the ferry and freight packet *Idlewild*, the *Belle of Louisville* dropped anchor in Kentucky in 1962. With engines built in the 1890s and still running strong, the *Belle* is a National Historic Landmark and the oldest operating Mississippi River-style steamboat in the country. Climb aboard for a guided tour of the north and south banks of the Ohio River. Enclosed seating, but dress for the weather!

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8 – 11 a.m.

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Bookstore and Exhibit Hall
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Workshop 1
9 – 11:45 a.m.

Integrating Digital Facsimiles into the Panorama Platform (2 parts)

Part 1: 9 – 10:15 a.m.

Analysis and Treatment Plan for the *Cincinnati Panorama*

The preservation of the *Cincinnati Panorama* was a full package treatment of the frame, original mat and daguerreotype plates, each requiring different expertise and treatment plans. All treatment plans of historic objects are subject to change once the artifacts are opened. In the case of the *Cincinnati Panorama*, microscopic scans of the plates revealed deterioration beneath the surface that required state-of-the-art technology to prevent irreversible damage. Patricia Van Skaik takes attendees on the journey from traditional treatment to argon infused housing developed using NASA technology. Participants will discuss decisions, issues and costs related to changing treatment plans and how emerging technology makes preservation a constantly moving target.

Part 2: 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

The digital condition scans from the *Cincinnati Panorama* had an unanticipated utility of launching it onto an interactive electronic platform woven with original historic content. Eight plates morphed into hundreds, if not thousands, of “mosaic” tiles. Patricia Van Skaik discusses the technology and research behind the content development of pictures within the picture, referred to as Points of Interest, <http://1848.cincinnati.library.org/>. Participants will explore applying concepts and practices from the *Panorama Points of Interest* to other locally owned historic artifacts, including photographs, illustrations, views and maps and the resulting positive preservation and access implications.

Speaker: Patricia Van Skaik, Manager, Genealogy and Local History Department, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Moderator:

Educational Sessions

9 – 10:15 a.m.

Educational Session 15

Standing Tall: Steeple Restoration

In 2010, New Albany’s St. Mary Church restored its steeple after a storm knocked the steeple askew. In 2013, the original mid nineteenth-century steeple of the city’s Town Clock Church was replicated and placed atop the clock tower. Based on his broad experience restoring church steeples in New Albany and greater Indiana, Joe Helming shares the key to preserving these architectural features.

Speaker: Joe Helming, Helming Bros, Inc.

Moderator: Seth Elder, Director of the Southeast Field Office and Veraestau Historic Site, Indiana Landmarks

Educational Session 16

Breaking through the Tax Ceiling: Efforts to Amend Indiana’s Preservation Tax Law

Indiana law allows an owner to claim a tax credit for 20% of the total qualified rehabilitation or preservation cost of a project for a certified historic building – an important preservation incentive. But the demand for the credit far exceeds the annual allocation, leaving a long waiting list of projects waiting to receive the credits. Learn about efforts to amend the provisions of preservation tax law and what you can do to help.

Speaker: Representative Ed Clere, Indiana State House of Representatives

Speaker: Todd Zeiger, Director Northern Regional Office & North Central Field Office, Indiana Landmarks

Moderator: Dave Duvall, Historical Architect and Tax Credit Administrator, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Break

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

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10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Educational Session 17

“There’s an App for That”

Sponsored by Indiana University’s Cornelius O’Brien Lecture Series. Free and open to the public.

Curatescape - an open source, mobile-optimized web platform - is being used to create tours of cities and towns from Cleveland to Spokane and Indianapolis to New Orleans. Curatescape developer Mark Tebeau and faculty involved in creating the Indy Historical web page and mobile app will share how Curatescape facilitates the development of mobile-based heritage tours, and provides an ideal platform for teaching students of preservation and related fields how digital technology is changing the way we preserve and interpret historic places.

Speaker: Dr. Mark Tebeau, Associate Professor of Public History, Arizona State University

Speaker: John Dichtl, Executive Director, National Council on Public History

Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Shrum, Assistant Professor of History, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis

Moderator: Todd Zeiger, Director Northern Regional Office & North Central Field Office, Indiana Landmarks

Educational Session 18

Revitalizing Congregations in Historic Houses of Worship

Religious congregations are important parts of the social fabric of communities. Churches can be local assets as functioning places of worship, as spaces shared by religious, arts, and heritage organizations, or as adaptive reuse properties. Learn about programs that help historic houses of worship take on active roles in their communities, maintain relevancy, and ensure their own sustainability.

Speaker: Rev. Ronald Knott, Archdiocese of Louisville

Speaker: A. Robert Jaeger, President, Partners for Sacred Spaces

Moderator: Tiffany Tolbert, Director, Northwest Field Office, Indiana Landmarks

Educational Session 19

Economic Development Tools for Mid-Size Communities

Economic development and real estate experts in New Albany share keys for building the economic infrastructure in mid-size communities using historic preservation, adaptive reuse projects, and creative marketing of heritage resources as tools. Revitalization follows when preservationists, historians, local governments, and businesses work together using these tools.

Speaker: John Rosenbarger, Public Works Projects Supervisor, City of New Albany
Speaker: Mike Kopp, Vice President of Commercial Sales & Leasing, RE/MAX FIRST Commercial Group
Moderator: J.P. Hall, Director, Eastern Regional Office, Indiana Landmarks
Luncheon and Plenary
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Plenary Session 3
Preservation in Indiana

Nancy R. Hiller shares the beauty and importance of historic places across the state, from its smallest towns to its big cities. Hiller is the editor of the new book *Historic Preservation in Indiana: Essays from the Field*, which has been called the perfect starting place for those interested in saving endangered places. Stay after lunch for her book signing.

Speaker: Nancy R. Hiller, cabinetmaker and author
Moderator: Tommy Kleckner, Director, Western Regional Office, Indiana Landmarks

Tours
2 – 5:30 p.m.

Tour 3
Mansion Row

New Albany's Mansion Row Historic District represents a significant period in the city's nineteenth-century growth and development as a center of commerce. Visit the Isaac Smith Home, the Pepin House, and St. Paul's' Parish House and Carriage House. Put on your walking shoes, dress for the weather, and get ready to explore magnificent homes of the nineteenth century.

Guide: Christina Pfau, New Albany Historic Preservation Review Board

Tour 4
African American Sites

Called the "gateway to freedom," New Albany has a rich African American heritage. From the numerous runaway slaves, who crossed the Ohio River into Indiana on their journeys north, to the individuals who influenced the city while dealing with local prejudice and race riots, this community has survived into the twenty-first century. We'll visit the restored Division Street School, other historic sites in the area, and historic markers throughout the county that interpret stories of vanished sites. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

Guide: Pam Peters, Research and Historian